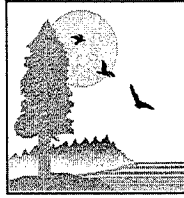


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**NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATIONS FOR BIOFOULING MANAGEMENT TO MINIMIZE THE TRANSFER
OF NONINDIGENOUS SPECIES FROM VESSELS ARRIVING AT CALIFORNIA
PORTS**

Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 4.8

Dear Interested Parties:

The staff of the California State Lands Commission (Commission) hereby provides notice of modifications made to the proposed amendments for Article 4.8, regulations for Biofouling Management to Minimize the Transfer of Nonindigenous Species from Vessels Arriving at California Ports. The proposed amendments were originally published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on November 25, 2016, and were subject to a 45-day public comment period that ended on January 10, 2017. A public hearing was held on January 10, 2017, in Long Beach, California.

Upon consideration of written comments received during the 45-day public comment period, Commission staff has revised the proposed regulations as follows:

- Revising section 2298.1(d) to change the effective date of the proposed regulations from July 1, 2017, to October 1, 2017
- Revising section 2298.5 to change the revision date of the Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form SLC 600.12 from 08/16 to 01/17
- Revising the Marine Invasive Species-Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form SLC 600.12 to:
 - Revise the revision date on all pages from 08/16 to 01/17
 - Remove unnecessary instructional text on page 1
 - Add clarifying instructional text on page 2
 - Remove unnecessary instructional text on page 2
 - Remove unnecessary instructional text on page 4

- Revise punctuation for question 13 instructions on page 5
- Revise instructions for section 2 on page 6
- Revise general instructions to clarify applicability on page 7
- Remove unnecessary instructional text for section 1 on page 7

Copies of the full text of the draft regulations as originally proposed and currently modified are available on the Commission's website at: www.slc.ca.gov.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

The proposed changes are considered to be substantial and sufficiently related, warranting a 15-day public comment period. Therefore, Commission staff will accept written comments on the proposed changes for 15 days, beginning on January 20, 2017, and ending at 5:00 pm on February 4, 2017.

Comments should be limited to the new modifications to the proposed regulations and the proposed Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form SLC 600.12. Modifications are indicated by ~~double strikethrough~~ for new deletions, and double underline for new language.

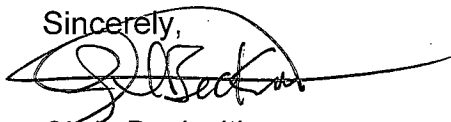
Please submit written comments to:

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Written comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (562) 499-6317 or by email to CSLC.MEPDRegulations@slc.ca.gov. Please include "**Article 4.8 Comments**" in the subject line of the e-mail.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this rulemaking process.

Sincerely,



Chris Beckwith
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